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December 1, 2011

Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III
Vice Chairman Ann D. Begeman
Commissioner Francis P. Mulvey
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 3)
Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council Vacancy

Dear Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Begeman and Commissioner Mulvey:

In response to the Board's notice of October 18, 2011, in Ex Parte 526 (Sub-No. 3), NGFA hereby takes this opportunity to voice strong support for the nominations of two individuals who have been previously submitted as candidates for vacancies on the Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC):


Jerry Cope
Dakota Mill & Grain Inc.
P.O. Box 2340
2460 Deadwood Ave.
Rapid City, SD 57709

Darrell R. Wallace
Bunge North America, Inc.
P.O. Box 28500
11720 Borman Drive
St. Louis, MO 63146-1000

Mr. Cope would be a "small shipper" representative; Mr. Wallace would be a "large shipper" representative. Both of these individuals have extensive and accomplished careers in rail transportation, including a longstanding relationship with NGFA. Based upon their outstanding credentials as detailed in their original correspondence, NGFA urges strongly that the Board consider these candidates.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles M. Delacruz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" at the beginning and a long, sweeping underline.

Charles M. Delacruz
NGFA General Counsel & Secretary